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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA'S MEETING WITH IAN SMITH

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROVIDED US THE FOLLOWING  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM A PRESS INTERVIEW GIVEN BY FOREIGN  
MINISTER BOTHA CONCERNING HIS MEETING WITH IAN SMITH IN  
SALISBURY TODAY, JULY 20:

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM IF YOU SAW SMITH TODAY?

A. YES. I MET WITH HIM IN SALISBURY.

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Q. FOR HOW LONG?

A. FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS.

1. WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS?

A. WE REVIEWED MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN.

1. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF MR. SMITH'S REASONS FOR HIS

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT AND WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF HIS ELECTION  
ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN?

A. AS I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION, MR. SMITH DID NOT INDICATE  
THAT THERE WOULD BE A CUT-OFF OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.  
INDEED, THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE.

MR. SMITH HOPES TO WIN OVERWHELMING SUPPORT SO THAT HE WILL  
BE IN A STRONGER POSITION TO NEGOTIATE A STEELEMENT. NATURAALY,  
HE IS DISAPPOINTED IN THE LATEST ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS  
LWHICH DEVIATE FROM THE EARLIER PROPOSITIONS. THE RHODESIAN  
PRIME MINISTER NOW WISHES TO CONSOLIDATE HIS POSITION BOTH  
INSIDE RHODESIA AND VIS-A-VIS THE OUTSIDE WORLD IN ORDER TO  
MOVE FIRMLY AND RAPIDLY TO AN SETTLEMENT WHICH ENVISAGES  
MAJORITY RULE UNDER A STABLE GOVERNMENT AND WHICH WILL  
ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER, ECONOMIC PROGRESS  
AND RETENTION OF THE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT OF WHITE AND  
BLACK RHODESIANS.

Q. DID YOU REPORT TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER?

A. YES. I DID SO IMMEDIATELY.

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